

Bismarck Historical Society

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of April 6, 2017

Peacock Alley, Patterson Hotel

Directors Present: Tom Mayer, Mike LaLonde, Marilyn Snyder, Kate Waldera

Directors Absent: Yvonne Kubis

Also in Attendance: Walt Bailey (Exec. Director)

Executive Director Walt Bailey told the committee the insurance policies for board and officer protection are expiring. The committee agreed the insurance should be renewed and President Tom Mayer will meet with the insurance representative to see if there may be fee breaks for us.

Walt Bailey had received an invitation for the Society to participate in the Band Night Parade. After discussion the committee decided to participate in the parade with an older car and society banners. Tom Mayer's brother-in-law has a car for us to use.

Mike LaLonde moved and Tom Mayer seconded the motion that we renew our Mountain Plains Museums membership at a cost of \$50.00 for a year. The membership has saved us money with archival supplies already. Motion carried.

Walt Bailey reported we did not get a Mayor's Ball grant but thought we should have at least a representative at the Ball and reapply for next year.

Walt Bailey informed the committee the Society is now recognized as an historical agency by the Federal Communications Commission and the EBI giving us an official voice on historical changes that may be contemplated such as changes in historical properties or potentially the tearing down of historical places. We will be able to be in on the conversation on the replacement of the railroad bridge.

We have been offered artifacts from private individuals, which we need to accept. We have a ship in a bottle made by an internee from Fort Lincoln World War II Internment Camp, a supervisor's headset from the Bismarck Telephone Exchange and a Rosemary Landsberger painting from the early 1950s.

The City website was discussed as the history there is inaccurate. Tom Mayer is going to contact the Mayor and volunteer our assistance in correcting the information.

We had planned to have Founders Day on May 14 but cannot get enough people from agricultural organizations to committee to that date to hold it. We are recommending we wait

until July 11 to hold the program. July has three notable dates attached to the founding of Bismarck. The Board will be asked to make the final decision.

Walt Bailey led a discussion on what level of public representation we want to have in the lead-up to the building of a new railroad bridge. The group thought we should get in contact with the person who wrote the article in the paper about saving the current bridge and see how we can work together to get information out on the old bridge and its future.

Kate Waldera told the group that she is happy to continue to put information on our website and make changes but she can't work on our Facebook page. We do have a society member who would be willing to do so and Walt and Kate will talk to him.

The committee adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Snyder, Secretary